

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Bethel Census Area



The Bethel Census Area encompasses 40,633 square miles in western Alaska. It has a small seasonal economic base focused on natural resources, particularly salmon and herring roe, and a cultural tradition of subsistence. Government jobs, including public education and village organizations, account for almost 50 percent of the region's wage and salary jobs. The city of Bethel, with nearly one-third of the census area's population, is the hub of the Yukon-Kuskokwim region. It is the regional center for transportation, retail trade, medical services, and government services.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 16,940, a gain of about 894 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 71 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 43 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Teacher Assistants than any other occupation.

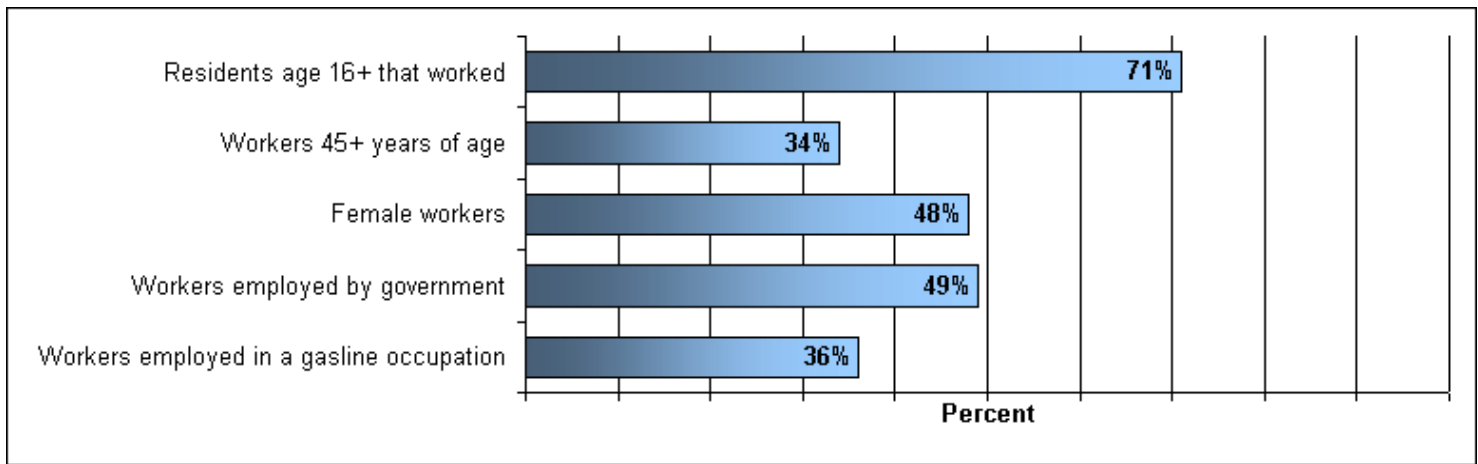
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

#### Bethel Census Area Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	10,781	Total wages	\$177,177,122
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	7,625	Private	3,920
Male	3,957	State government	397
Female	3,666	Local government	3,308
Age 45+	2,576	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,730	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	6,444
		Percent working all 4 quarters	57.3%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	1,919	Some construction	1,458
		At least 1 year construction	535
		At least 2 years construction	202
New Hires		Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	6,098
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## 2008 Residents

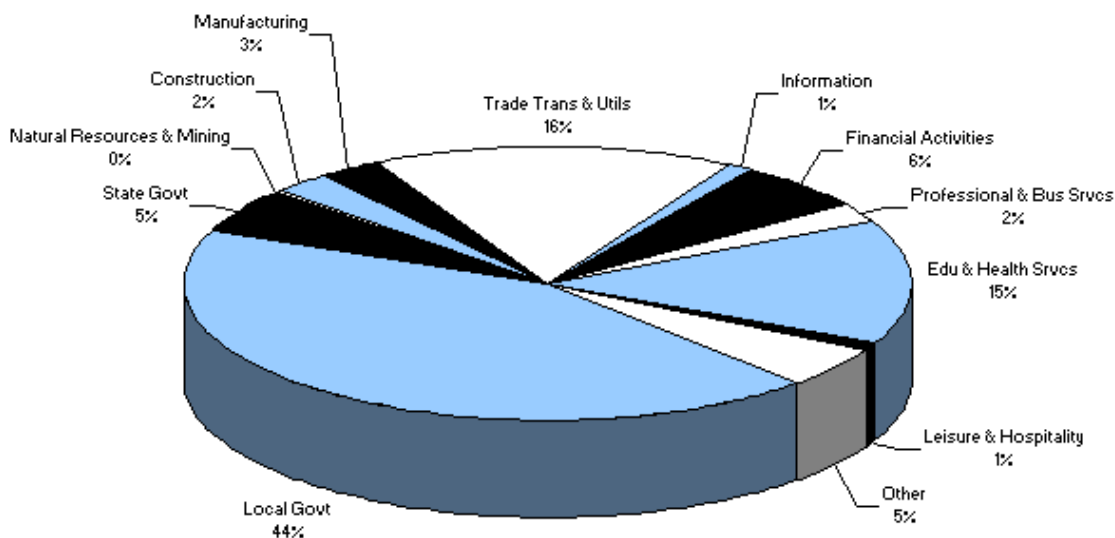


## Top Occupations

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Teacher Assistants	398	79.6%	140	5.3%	3.6%
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	346	11.8%	55	26.3%	9.1%
Cashiers	327	70.2%	25	14.1%	6.2%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	242	17.4%	37	9.8%	7.7%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	241	39.0%	80	8.9%	5.5%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	186	60.2%	50	15.3%	5.7%
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers <b>AGIA</b>	186	18.8%	16	7.0%	11.1%
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	185	70.8%	19	7.6%	4.0%
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	179	78.2%	40	14.2%	27.4%
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	144	36.8%	6	22.2%	0.0%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	143	78.3%	23	10.7%	2.1%
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	139	1.4%	47	18.4%	15.4%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General <b>AGIA</b>	136	6.6%	41	21.7%	5.1%
Education, Training, and Library Workers, All Other	135	68.1%	15	13.4%	4.7%
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	124	82.3%	20	24.5%	1.4%
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	120	14.2%	7	7.6%	5.0%
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	92	87.0%	13	21.3%	1.6%
Cooks, All Other	90	86.7%	39	8.8%	3.9%
Gaming Dealers	90	70.0%	11	3.6%	1.2%
Personal and Home Care Aides	89	79.8%	22	17.1%	3.3%

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	30	16.7%	3	50.0%	25.0%
Construction	180	17.2%	20	33.4%	31.0%
Manufacturing	214	35.5%	16	42.4%	7.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,224	39.7%	188	18.8%	10.7%
Information	96	21.9%	23	15.5%	5.2%
Financial Activities	448	29.7%	89	25.3%	4.7%
Professional and Business Services	164	28.7%	25	36.8%	15.8%
Educational and Health Services	1,112	69.2%	263	13.2%	13.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	77	46.8%	10	10.1%	53.4%
State Government	397	45.7%	146	14.2%	6.5%
Local Government	3,308	49.4%	873	8.0%	6.5%
Other	373	66.2%	73	16.3%	1.7%

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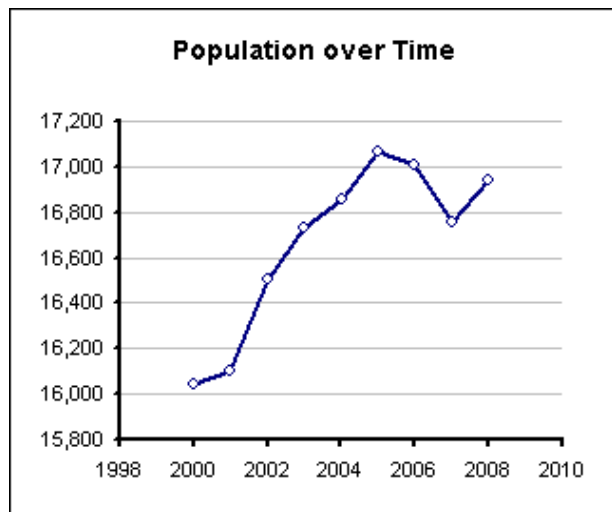
### Recent Unemployment Statistics

	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	1,063	1,128	1,106	1,043
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	16.3%	16.5%	16.3%	17.3%

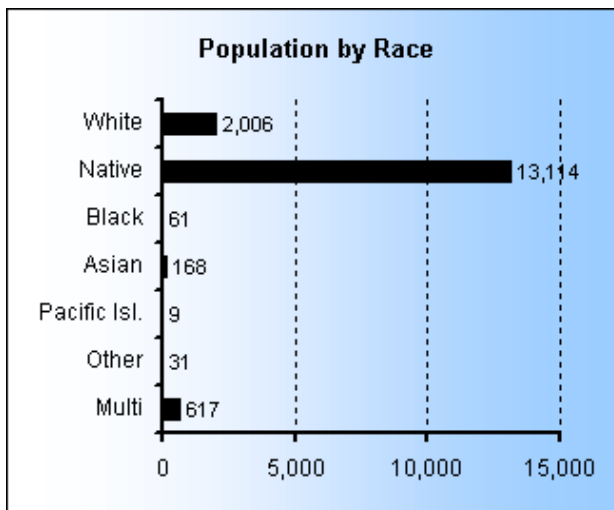
\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Lower Kuskokwim School District
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corp 90
Assoc of Village Council Pres
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Avcp Housing Authority
AK Commercial Co
Coastal Villages Seafoods Inc
Akiachak Native Community
Kuspuk School District
Omni Enterprises Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	25.3
Average Family Size	4.4
Average Household Size	3.7
Per Capita Income	\$12,603
Median Family Income	\$36,250
Median Household Income	\$35,701



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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